

TENEMENT OWNERS UNITE TO OPPOSE HOUSING DIVISION

Engage Counsel in Move to Have Law Requiring Sanitation Repealed—Councils Ignore Measure.

Owners of tenements have engaged counsel to attempt to have repealed the act creating a Division of Housing and Sanitation in the Department of Health and Charities. This became known today.

Director Hart's, of the Department of Public Health, has included in his budget for 1915 the amount necessary to operate the new Division of Housing and Sanitation.

Should the appropriations asked be made it will mean thousands of dollars expense to the owners of some of the dingy, unventilated insanitary homes, which settlement workers describe as nothing but "death vaults."

SANITARY INSPECTION INADEQUATE. Director Hart's plans are to merge the existing inadequate divisions of the tenement house inspection and sanitary inspection with the new bureau.

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THIEVES ABANDON BOOTY

Flashed in Hucker Wagon When Interrupted in Robbery.

Thieves frightened away from the home of Mrs. Jennie Pitts, of 636 North Clearfield street, about 11 o'clock this morning, escaped in a hucker wagon after a thrilling chase for several blocks.

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"JUST TO REMIND YOU"

COLD SNAP BRINGS PROMISE OF TURKEY FOR THANKSGIVING. Large Supply of Good Birds Expected as Result of Seasonable Change in the Weather.

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RESIDENTS OF GERMANTOWN DEMAND MORE POLICEMEN. Only 106 Bluecoats to Cover Area of More Than Ten Miles.

Complaining of many recent burglaries and hold-ups, and accidents caused by speeding motorists at dangerous crossings in Germantown and Chestnut Hill, residents of that section appealed to Councils today for adequate police protection.

A communication from the Germantown and Chestnut Hill Improvement Association, signed by William H. Emhardt, secretary, asserts that there are only 37 foot patrolmen and 19 mounted men to cover an area of 10 1/2 square miles, and that by the three patrolmen system only about 35 men are on duty at one time.

This information was brought to light when John R. Wolter, chief of the Bureau of Elevator Inspection, testified yesterday at the coroner's inquest of the death of Sidney Gold, 21 years old, of 845 North 5th street, who was killed on November 12, by being struck with a brick at the Penn Auction Company, 2000 North 4th street.

Mr. Wolter, in testifying, said that defective elevators existed in many places throughout the city. Elevators between buildings, or elevators that opened on both sides were particularly unsafe in many cases.

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ELEVATOR PERILS PROVED AT INQUEST ON MAN'S DEATH. More Than 1000 in Philadelphia Buildings Said by Chief Inspector to Be Unsafe.

More than 1000 elevators in Philadelphia buildings are unsafe. Every day thousands of Philadelphians ride in elevators that need repairing, and although in so doing they may not take their lives in their hands, they at least run a certain risk that is unnecessary.

The Callowhill and Dock streets sections are the worst, and owners of large manufacturing plants and warehouses appear to be the worst delinquents. More than 1000 suits were begun during the past year to compel property owners to make necessary changes in their elevators.

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GOMPERS CRITIC OF PROVOST

Says University Would Not Have Been Endangered by His Speech.

"If Provost Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, thought my lecture to the students might endanger their morals and character or the continuity of the institution, he might at least have made inquiry at some of the universities where I have lectured," said Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in speaking of the refusal of Provost Smith to allow him to address members of the Civic Club in Houston Hall.

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DRUG HABIT DRIVEN FROM 'CORRECTION' BY KIND ACTIONS

Superintendent Patterson Says His Method Has Banished Evil Which Formerly Prevailed There.

Persistence and kind words by William A. Patterson, superintendent of the House of Correction, at Holmesburg, have resulted in the drug evil being completely eliminated in this institution, it is claimed today.

Prisoners who until a short while ago received drugs concealed underneath postage stamps, in fruit, clothes and in tobacco, today are urged by the other inmates to forget the drug.

Superintendent Patterson joined the House of Correction more than 20 years ago. His first position at the prison was that of a guard. He has held the position of superintendent for the last eight years.

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"There used to be a time when prisoners managed to get cocaine and morphine by smuggling it into the prison. Those days are gone. I found that I was able to break the habit of prisoners with a few kind words. Kind words will accomplish more than harsh cruelty. Drug fiends should be sympathized with. Superintendents of penal institutions should have heart to hear a plea from the prisoners who show them why drugs are bad for their health."

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GROCERY PROBLEMS BEFORE CONVENTION OF MANUFACTURERS

American Specialty Association Welcomed by Mayor Blankenburg at Bellevue-Stratford.

Two hundred manufacturers, representing more than \$200,000,000 capital, attended the opening session of the sixth annual convention of the American Specialty Manufacturers' Association at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel today.

Problems of pricing, maintenance, factory sanitation and welfare, workmen's compensation laws and the problems arising under the pure food law are among the questions that will be considered at the convention, which will be in session until Saturday.

After W. W. Francis, Jr., of the Franklin Sugar Refining Company, had responded to Mayor Blankenburg's address of welcome, President Louis Runkel outlined the work of the association, and the morning session was devoted to a business meeting.

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CONTEST OVER FOX BOUNTY.

The commissioners of Bradford County, who had been directed in a writ of mandamus issued by Judge William Maxwell, to pay a bounty of \$2 to David J. Armstrong, of Herick township, for killing a fox.

Armstrong killed the animal January 1, 1914, and applied to the commissioners for the bounty. The commissioners refused to pay the bounty, and Armstrong applied to the court for a writ of mandamus to compel the commissioners to pay the bounty.

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ARGENTINA'S NEW WARSHIP SUCCESSFULLY TESTED

Giant Mareno Made Important Trials in New England Waters.

Flying at her forepeak a signal signifying that her trials had been successful, the Argentine battleship Mareno, one of the biggest battleships of the world, arrived at the New York Shipbuilding Company's Camden plant today.

The giant warship left her berth ten days ago with the representatives of the Argentine Republic on board for her official trials off the coast of New England. The first trial was a speed trial, in which the 14-inch guns down to the rapid-firing all gave eminent satisfaction.

Trouble developed in the battleship's machinery before her speed tests were tried and she was run into the Fore River Shipbuilding Company for adjustment.

Leaving the Fore River yard, she steamed along the coast of Maine and indulged in the two 30-hour runs, the full speed ahead eight-hour run, the quick stop and start, and the under-way tests. The evolution test in a manner that pleased the Argentine Naval Commission.

After minor repairs and adjustments are made, the Argentine battleship Mareno will be met outside the Delaware capes by her sister ship, the Rivadavia, and both will proceed for home waters together.

Women Interested in Horticulture. The increased interest being taken by women in the subject of horticulture was evidenced yesterday afternoon by the large number who attended the School of Horticulture for Women at Ambler, Pa.

The school was held at the home of Mrs. John Gribbel, Mrs. Clarence Clark, Mrs. Frank Mills Day, Mrs. Harry C. Hart and the Misses Elizabeth Lee, Hilda Justice, Mary Hart, Marianna Steel and Miss Howell.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain tonight and Friday, snow in north portion; colder Friday; fresh breeze; rain tonight increasing tonight.

For New Jersey: Rain tonight and probably Friday.

The temperatures have risen in the Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley and the Middle West during the last 24 hours, while another cold wave is spreading into the great central valleys from the Northwest. The rise in the eastern portion of the country averaged about 10 degrees, but has not brought the temperature up to normal conditions, while the Western cold wave is causing zero conditions in the Dakotas, Minnesota and Iowa. An energetic disturbance appears in the Lake region this morning, with another indicated off the coast south of Hatteras, and storm warnings have been ordered up along the North Atlantic coast.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin.

Observations made at 8 a. m. Eastern time.

TAX ON BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS TO BE FOUGHT

Attorney General Will Be Asked to Rule on Question.

The ruling of Solicitor Johnson, of the Treasury Department, that building and loan associations are liable to a tax on conveyances, mortgages and other papers of like character will be contested, according to officials of the Pennsylvania League of the Building and Loan Associations.

These statements were made after Attorney General Johnson announced that he had received official instructions from Washington to impose the tax. John H. Faust, president of the league, is Attorney General of the United States will be asked to render an opinion. Should this be against the associations, the dispute will be taken to the courts.

There are about 1400 building and loan associations in Pennsylvania, representing about \$120,000,000, and in the country the amount represented is about \$1,500,000,000, owned by 8,000,000 members.

CHARITY CONCERT TONIGHT

Choral Society Benefit for Victims of War.

The Choral Society of Philadelphia has announced that the entire receipts of their concert, "The New Life," in the Academy of Music tonight, will be turned over to the Emergency Aid Committee for the relief of war victims.

Justifying the advance sale, the Academy will be packed tonight, and society will be there in force, and it is expected a neat sum will be turned